

Be A Steward of the Earth – Grants for Garden Clubs

We have all seen the negative impact man has had on the environment in air and water pollution, and loss of bird, animal, and insect populations. We need to change the pattern so that we create a healthier environment for future generations. The goal of this Grant Program is to encourage Garden Clubs and their members to find ways to change this pattern.



What are some good examples of sustainability projects?

- Avoid the use of plastic to keep the oceans clean.
- Planting trees to help protect the environment.
- Removing invasive species.
- Shrinking lawns and leaving leaves.
- Planting native plants to provide habitats for beneficial insects and the food web.
- Responsible consumption and production: Recycling items such as paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum.
- Planting community gardens.
- Growing and donating excess produce to local food banks.
- Educational programs for the community.

Who Can Apply

Garden clubs affiliated with FGCMMD can apply for funds to support projects that will advance sustainability in their homes/communities. The minimum grant request is \$100, maximum \$1,000. The approved amount may vary from the request depending on the fund balance.

How to apply

- To apply for a grant, you must complete the attached application. All forms must be typed, or computer generated, single side pages only, no staples
- Use set fonts and margins, in order to comply with the maximum 3-page limit
- FGCMMD Application Form must be used
- All fields must be completed
- Submit the application electronically to Grants@fgcofmd.org followed by a hard copy of the packet mailed to the Grants Chairman at P.O. Box 65172, Baltimore, MD 21209.

Grants will be given twice a year. The deadlines are August 31st (Awarded October) and February 28th (Awarded March). Applications are reviewed by the Grant Committee comprised of the President, the 2nd Vice President, and the **Conservation and Environmental Awareness Chair.**

Criteria for proposals

The Grant Committee will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria.

- FGCMMD affiliation. Only FGCMMD clubs and members can propose projects.
- Projects cannot be funded if they are not supported by essential stakeholders. For example, you cannot propose to construct a garden unless you have approval from the landowner.
- State how the project will improve the environment. Examples include reducing energy and/or water use, enhancing stormwater management, increasing biodiversity, minimizing waste, etc.
- Minimum Request - The proposer requests no less than \$100 and no more \$1,000.

- Itemized Budget and Schedule - The proposer must submit an itemized budget that details the full cost of implementing the project and specifies the budget items for which the proposer is seeking Sustainability Fund support. The proposer must also provide an appropriate schedule for completing the project.

Fillable Application: Be A Steward of the Earth – Grants for Garden Clubs

Name of Garden Club _____ District _____

Person Submitting Application _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

You can expand the space required for each of these requirements but total length of the application is not to exceed 3 pages.

1) Project Description: Provide a summary of your project.

2) Anticipated Outcomes/Impact: What outcomes do you anticipate? Discuss environmental benefits, impact on the visitor/member experience, and the education and outreach potential. If the project has environmental benefits.

3) Project Budget: What is the total project budget? What is your plan for sustained funding? Include a detailed and itemized budget for the project and indicate if this project is receiving funding from other sources.

4) What is the anticipated Schedule for the project? List start and stop dates with any major milestones.

5) What approvals if any are required from others and explain how this has been obtained. (If none required indicate "not applicable".)

Email your application to: Grants@fgcofmd.org

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